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RESPONSE TO MAY 8, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

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REMARKS

1. *Status of the Application.* All pending claims in the application stand finally rejected. An Appeal Brief ("the Appeal Brief") was submitted on October 3, 2000; a Substitute Appeal Brief ("the Substitute Appeal Brief" was submitted on January 24, 2001.
2. *Objections to Appeal Brief.* According to the Office Action, the Appeal Brief did not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.192(c). In response to these objections, submitted herewith